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Yettie Polk Park Closed Due to Storm Damage

The City of Belton's Yettie Polk Park suffered significant tree damage during a storm late on Saturday, Oct. 26, and will be closed until cleanup and repairs are made. At least half of the trees in the park have either been uprooted or lost significant portions of the branch structure. City staff anticipate the park will be closed at least a week.

Crews from the City's Public Works Department worked overnight to remove debris from roadways. In addition, rainfall from the storm created a large amount of runoff in the Nolan Creek drainage basin leading elevated water levels in Nolan Creek. This caused a temporary closing of the Interstate 35 frontage roads at Central Avenue this morning due to a brief period of flooding.

On Monday, City crews will continue to collect debris from sidewalk and right-of-way areas in the City before focusing on cleaning up the park.

The damage in the park includes downed power lines and splintered tree limbs, some still connected to trees. Residents in the area reported power outages. Yellow caution tape has been placed around the perimeter of the park, and the Nolan Creek Hike & Bike Trail is closed from the Penelope Street to Central Avenue.

The City of Belton will make an announcement regarding the reopening of the park next week. Until then, please stay out of the park as conditions are hazardous.